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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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11 RODOLFO A. CONTRERAS,) Case No.: 1:19-cv-01785-NONE-JLT (HC)
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13 Petitioner,) ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
14) APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL
15 v.)
16 J. W. SULLIVAN, Warden,) (Doc. 30)
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18 Respondent.)
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29 On November 20, 2020, Petitioner filed a motion to appoint counsel. (Doc. 30.) There
30 currently exists no absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See, e.g., Anderson
31 v. Heinze, 258 F.2d 479, 481 (9th Cir. 1958); Mitchell v. Wyrick, 727 F.2d 773, 774 (8th Cir. 1984).
32 However, Title 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B) authorizes the appointment of counsel at any stage of the
33 case if “the interests of justice so require.” See Rule 8(c), Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. In the
34 present case, the Court does not find that the interests of justice require the appointment of counsel at
35 the present time. Accordingly, Petitioner’s request for appointment of counsel is DENIED.

36 IT IS SO ORDERED.

37 Dated: November 23, 2020

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE